

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Catherine Ebert-Gray, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Scot Alan Marciel, of California, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma, John D. Feeley, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama, Linda Swartz Tagliatela, of New York, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Jean Elizabeth Manes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, and Amos J. Hochstein, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Energy Resources), who was introduced by Senator

Warner, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PUERTO RICO'S FISCAL PROBLEMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Puerto Rico's fiscal problems, focusing on examining the source and exploring the solution, after receiving testimony from Representative Pierluisi; Puerto Rico Governor Alejandro J. Garcia Padilla, Carlos A. Colon-De-Armas, University of Puerto Rico Graduate School of Business, and Richard L. Carrion, Banco Popular, all of San Juan; former New York Lieutenant Governor Richard Ravitch, New York; Alex J. Pollock, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; and Stephen J. Spencer, Houlihan Lokey, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 4138–4151; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 100; and H. Res. 543–544 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3459, to clarify the treatment of two or more employers as joint employers under the National Labor Relations Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–355);

H.R. 189, to extend foreclosure and eviction protections for servicemembers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–356);

Conference report on H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (H. Rept. 114–357);

H.R. 3016, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of podiatrists in the Depart-

ment of Veterans Affairs, with amendments (H. Rept. 114–358); and

H. Res. 542, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America's energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves (H. Rept. 114–359).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kelly (MS) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016: H.R. 4127, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central

Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ recorded vote of 364 ayes to 58 noes, Roll No. 649 (Subsequent to the announcement by the Chair that H.R. 4127 had passed by voice vote, Representative Nunes asked unanimous consent that the proceedings by which the motion to reconsider the bill was laid upon the table and by which the motion that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill was adopted be vacated to the end that the Chair put the question de novo).

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, November 30th.

Breast Cancer Research Stamp Reauthorization Act of 2015: S. 1170, to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 648.

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Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”: The House passed S.J. Res. 23, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”, by a ye-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 651.

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H. Res. 539, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8) and the joint resolutions (S.J. Res. 23) and (S.J. Res. 24), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 647, after the previous question was ordered by a ye-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 646.

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Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”: The House passed S.J. Res. 24, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission

Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”, by a ye-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 650. Pages H8658–63, H8676–78, H8829–37

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Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Brady (TX) motion to take from the Speaker’s table the bill (H.R. 644) to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, with the House amendment to the Senate amendment thereto, insist on the House amendment, and agree to a conference with the Senate thereon, by a recorded vote of 252 yeas to 170 noes, Roll No. 652.

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Debated the Kuster motion to instruct conferees. Further proceedings were postponed. Pages H8846–49

North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015: The House began consideration of H.R. 8, to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America’s energy security and diplomacy, and promote energy efficiency and government accountability. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, December 2nd.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8676–77, H8677, H8678–79, H8837, H8837–38 and H8838–39. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. STRATEGY FOR SYRIA AND IRAQ AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REGION

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Strategy for Syria and Iraq and its Implications for the Region”. Testimony was heard from Ashton B. Carter, Secretary of Defense;